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Dear *Together for Quality* Stakeholder:

Thank you for the support and interest you have shown during and since the February Stakeholder Council meeting. We are energized by the contributions you will make as we implement *Together for Quality*. The documents below have been included for your records and review:

- 1. State Level Health Information Exchange Initiative Development Workbook (AHIMA FORE):**
This workbook is instrumental to the planning and development effort within each workgroup. Specifically, this workbook is designed to achieve the long-term goal of a statewide health information exchange. *Together for Quality* lays the foundation.
- 2. Stakeholder Council List:** It is essential that we have your correct contact information to ensure that you receive all *Together for Quality* information. *Stakeholder Council List changes/updates should be submitted to:* WebFormData@medicaid.alabama.gov
- 3. Assessment Tool:** Please complete the enclosed 15-minute Organizational Assessment Tool. This survey will provide further insight into the current environment for health information exchange (HIE) implementation in Alabama and will allow us to gain knowledge in six areas critical to HIE formation and sustainability. The interactive Excel spreadsheet allows responses to be electronically submitted. *Please save your completed worksheet and email a copy to:* WebFormData@medicaid.alabama.gov

The next meeting will be March 8-9, 2007 at the Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. Please arrive early in order to sign in and update your contact information. One week before the meeting, you will be e-mailed agenda and materials for the meeting, including specific workgroup material to assist you as you prepare for the March meeting.

Alabama has taken the lead in so many areas – tourism, economic development and jobs development, among others. Together, we have the power to make tremendous strides in improving our health care system and once again, lead the nation in innovation, quality and compassion for the people we serve. I am very grateful for your commitment to this effort and look forward to a lot of hard but productive work over the next two years. Together we will make a difference!

Sincerely,

Carol H. Steckel, MPH
Commissioner

*The spreadsheet uses some macros to process your answers, please enable the macros when asked.